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Temple of Poseidon, in Athens, Greece

From top left to bottom right: Mary Margaret Kopcho, Shaz Booth, Wes Rinella, Jeric Liwag, Marilyn Rivas, Julie Love, Mary Jessie Evans, Angel Cloud, and his mother Maria Verdin-Cobos, Melissa Brown, Gloria Daniels

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CSDR Mission:

California School for the Deaf, Riverside offers comprehensive educational and extra-curricular programs that prepare students to achieve their full academic, social, and career potential.

Valedictorian Jeremy Warshaw, CSDR 2012

It is an amazing journey for me to receive this honor as Valedictorian for the Class of 2012. I was raised here since the first grade in 2000 when my family moved from Maryland. I felt like I was on the bottom of the ocean when I entered. I have been through many unforgettable moments and have swum up to sea level. I have been in many activities, learning how to be a leader to represent this school. The moment when I changed myself for the better was when I went to Youth Leadership Camp the

summer of 2011. The camp itself taught me a lot, and I understood how to become a leader. I now can see a big change in myself. I must give a BIG appreciation to this school for believing in me and fully supporting me, but especially to my beloved family. I will miss the Cubs and this school so much. I cannot describe more than that. As I move on with my future, memories of CSDR will always "burn" in my mind forever. 🐾

Salutarian Emily Forsberg, CSDR 2012

It is an honor to be Salutarian; it was surprising news for me. I've been a student at CSDR for 15 years. I have participated in many organizations such as ASBG, Prom committee, class officers, Athletics (league representative), and many other events. It is a blessing that I was selected as Salutarian because I have worked so hard to be a great student and role model to represent this school. I did not think I would ever earn something this big. I just want to say thank you to

those people who encouraged me to dream big, and if it was not for them, I might not be the leader to this school that I feel like I am right now. 🐾

Award to California Department of Education for ASL DVD

Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was presented the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools for the Deaf (CEASD) **National Champion Award** at the 2012 Annual Conference on April 30, 2012 in Hartford, Connecticut. The award was received by Scott Kerby, Director of State Special Schools and Services Division of the California Department of Education, on behalf of Mr. Torlakson and recognizes his outstanding assistance and support of the new DVD called *Through Your Child's Eyes: American Sign Language*, which celebrates the ability of children who are Deaf or hard of hearing to acquire a natural, visual language – American Sign Language (ASL). The California Department of Education, in cooperation with the California Schools for the Deaf and California State University, Northridge, created the DVD to distribute to all families of children with hearing loss. CEASD notes, "The DVD has ultimately made a significant impact upon families of Deaf and hard-of-hearing children across the United States."



*State Special Schools administrators from left to right:
CDE Fremont Superintendent Sean Virmig,
CDE State Special Schools Deputy Director Scott Kerby,
CSD Riverside Superintendent Mal Grossinger*

Superintendent Torlakson, California Department of Education and the CEASD recognize research evidence that sign language supports and enhances the development of both spoken language and cognitive skills for all children. In addition, students who are Deaf or hard of hearing can derive significant benefits when using ASL, even when those students are enrolled in programs that focus on developing speaking and listening skills. ASL provides a linguistic foundation that supports language development in English.

Scott Kerby, Director of CDE State Special Schools, accepted the award not only on behalf of Superintendent Torlakson, but also for *all* Deaf and hard-of-hearing children in the State of California. In addition, Kerby emphasized that the DVD recognizes Deaf children as strong and capable, and as individuals, born to relate, communicate and connect with others. "We think of Deaf children as the protagonists in their own compelling and unique life stories. We believe that the quality of a Deaf child's development is largely dependent on the quality of their significant relationships with their family, their teachers and their friends," Kerby concluded. 🐾

View Movie—Through Your Child's Eyes:

<http://csdr-cde.ca.gov/family-sign-language>

<http://throughyourchildseyes.com>

Parent Resources:

California School for the Deaf, Riverside –

<http://csdr-cde.ca.gov>

Deaf Education and Families Project –

<http://www.csun.edu/deafproject>

Parent Links –

<http://myparentlinks.com>

California Department of Education/Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing –

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ss/dh>

American Society for Deaf Children –

<http://www.deafchildren.org>

Hands and Voices –

<http://www.handsandvoices.org>

Office of Deaf Access/State of California –

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/PG>

National Association of the Deaf –

<http://www.nad.org>



CSDR Students Win Awards in Graphic Design Competition

Written by Wes Rinella, CTE Graphic Technology Teacher

CSDR students won four awards including one scholarship on the evening of May 8 at Riverside Community College's 15th Annual Graphix Club Scholarship Competition. This year was CSDR's first attempt to participate, submitting four pieces of design artwork that met RCC's criteria. For all artwork entries, CSDR students walked away with 1st, 2nd and two 3rd place titles. Design teacher Wes Rinella saw that his students' designs stood among other high school samples.

Steven Carranco earned 1st place for Best T-shirt Design, with a scholarship, and 2nd place for another piece. "I will save that money and use it when I go to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) next fall. I will buy art supplies or anything that I will need for my transition into Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)," Steven announced after recently learning that he was accepted into NTID. His accomplishment will definitely have an impact on his developing career. We all are proud of him.

Two other CSDR students won 3rd place for their outstanding computer-generated artwork- Michael Mendoza and former design student Dennis Lopez. What a pleasing outcome. Hats off to the CSDR students! 🐾



CSDR Students Win First Place at the Riverside Flower Show

Written by Keith Townsend, Elementary Special Needs Teacher

Mr. Townsend's 4th/5th grade class participated again this year in the Riverside Flower Show and Garden Tour. The class theme this year was "Gardening



Jaden Nicholas, Adalea Hernandez, Fernando Reyes, Connley Jones, and Chris Cantu won 1st Place for their creations

Really Perks Me Up." Students applied this theme by recycling glass coffee pots to plant terrariums!

After reading several articles and watching a video to determine what aspects made for a well-constructed



terrarium, students designed a master plan for their creations. Each terrarium took on a flair all of its own.

All of our students took 1st Place ribbons and won the Lorraine Small Memorial Award for Excellence. 🐾

“Poe! Poe! Poe!” Drama Production



Zenn Williams (right) transformed into Edgar Allan Poe (above)



Directors with actors and stage manager/understudy (Aurora Frias '15)

High school students performed the play, “Poe! Poe! Poe!”, based on the life of writer and poet, Edgar Allan Poe. The play included a potpourri of Poe’s essays, short stories, and poems: “The Tell Tale Heart”, “The Raven”, “Annabel Lee”, and “The Masque of the Red Death,” and more all embedded into his life story.

HS Drama/ASL teacher Jevon Whetter directed the play, with his assistant, residential counselor Carolyn Gomez '81. The costumes were done by teacher Patricia Melvin. Community member Charles Herbold coached the ASL dialogue. Many other people gave their support or put in volunteer hours to make this production a success.

“It was incredible to see the faces of our students who made us feel very connected to the play– they were upbeat and truly alive!” said HS teacher Jeannette Zarembka.

“This play is the best ever in this past decade,” admitted Seymour Bernstein, a CSDR family member. The production will go on a tour, performing at different locations in southern California this Fall, 2012.

To book a show, please contact Jevon Whetter, jwhetter@cldr-cde.ca.gov for more details. 🐾



Charly Umana '13 in “The Tell Tale Heart” tries to keep his secret from police officers Celina Zaragoza '12, and Calyssa Yopez '15



Poe (Zenn Williams) loses his wife Annabel Lee (Calyssa Yopez)

20th Annual Pachappa Pageant

Written by Geoff Knight

The 20th Annual Pachappa Pageant was as cute as it was successful. The Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Mack Murphy and Brianna Lesti, did an awesome job presenting the guests and participants. Special guests included Nancy Moore, who established the Pachappa Pageant in 1992, and continued as coordinator for 15 years before handing over the reins to Silas Wagner. Our guest judges, Tyler Bayarsky, Tamijo Coleman and Tommy Korn were former contestants in the 1st Annual Pachappa pageant. They happily shared their wonderful memories of their pageant



experiences. All the participants, Desi Gonzales, Nicole Aguirre, Jahaidia Brown-Love, Elijah Andrade, Raymond Alcocer and Kellirae Cox were spectacular and amazed us with superb performances. Desi Gonzalez was crowned Mr. Pachappa, and Kellirae Cox was crowned Miss Pachappa. The Social Hall was a full house and it was obvious that the audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We have had numerous praises and the success of the pageant goes to cottage staff, parents and the many people who made it a reality. Special thanks for all the support and hard work in making the evening a memorable one. 🐾

The 4th Annual Rubidoux Middle School Pageant

Written by Katrina Velandres, Supervising Counselor

The Middle School Residential program hosted its annual Rubidoux Pageant on Thursday, May 10. It was an awaited anticipated event in celebration of American history and what it means to be "All American". We had a total of six contestants of which three were boys and three girls all competing to be named Mr. and Miss Rubidoux. The contestants showed their natural talents and discussed current topics. Roughly 300 guests came to support our event which was a huge success. This year's Mr. and Miss Rubidoux went to Kendell Merrill and Dylan Lesti. Congratulations to all contestants; they all worked very hard and each of them is considered a winner. 🐾



Studying Artifacts from Ancient Chinese Tombs

Written by Amy Kimmerele, Middle School Teacher

The seventh graders had an opportunity to see an exhibit at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. The exhibit was full of artifacts that were discovered in ancient Chinese tombs covering the Qin, Han, and Tang Dynasties. The students got a first-hand look at Chinese inventions still in use today, such as weights. Also, the students tried their hand at interpreting the meaning of



Terracotta Warrior, an ancient artifact

certain items found in the tombs. For example, statues of different farm animals meant that that Emperor was proud of the agriculture of his empire. Our favorite part of the trip, however, was the craft portion where each student was able to make his or her own Terracotta Warrior. We had our own army of clay soldiers! Each student's warrior was unique, just like the real Terracotta Warriors. 🐾

Battling for Our Freedom: Civil War Reenactment

Written by Norman Weiss, Middle School Teacher

The 8th graders left CSDR early in the morning to go to Riley's Farm where they learned about life during the Civil War era. Students visited several centers such as the general store, etiquette cabin, tent, and the surgery house. Some students realized that the life during the Civil War era was very difficult. Soldiers had to sleep in tiny tents and surgeons removed bullets from wounded soldiers' arms by pouring alcohol over the area and then using pliers (just like the ones we used in the shop) to extract the bullet! The eighth graders split up into two groups and debated which sides (North or South) were better. Finally, they reenacted a battle themselves!

They acted out as if they were actually battling for their sides. In the end, the North won!



Middle School Rocked the National RIT Math Counts Competition

Written by Ryan Zarembka, Middle School Math Teacher

For the upcoming Math Competition at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), CSDR Middle School established a team of four student math whizzes. We met during lunch times and occasional intervention periods to practice. We finally had real practices after the boys were done with their Iron 5 basketball tournament, which occurred during mid-February. During these lunches, we practiced with many math equations from previous "hearing" math count competitions at school, chapter, and state levels.

Finally, after weeks of practice, we flew to Rochester, NY for the competition. These boys demonstrated their mathematical skills all day on Saturday, March 31. I think I was more nervous than any of my players! It was hard for me to watch them competing because I saw a few questions that I had not prepared them for, hoping that one of them knew how to solve it. By the end of the day, the CSDR students did very well.

At the end of Math Counts competition, I was very proud of my team. Out of 27 schools (and 112 players), they did a *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* job throughout the day of the math competition!

The finals were very close! We got a respectable 2nd place trophy, falling to Indiana School for the Deaf, a great team consisting of a player who won 2nd place individual countdown last year and this year (beaten by our one and only Mavrick Fisher). In the end, the Math Counts competition is a great way to enable bright kids from various schools to challenge each other educationally and have fun! The students from Riverside also made some friends and met many new faces at the Math competition. 🐾



Top-Scoring Team:

CSDR

Top-Scoring Individual:

Mavrick Fisher, CSDR

Team Countdown Round:

CSDR 2nd Place

Top-Scoring in Individual

Countdown Round:

Mavrick Fisher, CSDR

Top:

*Ryan Zarembka
(Coach),*

Noah Valencia,

Christian Jacobs,

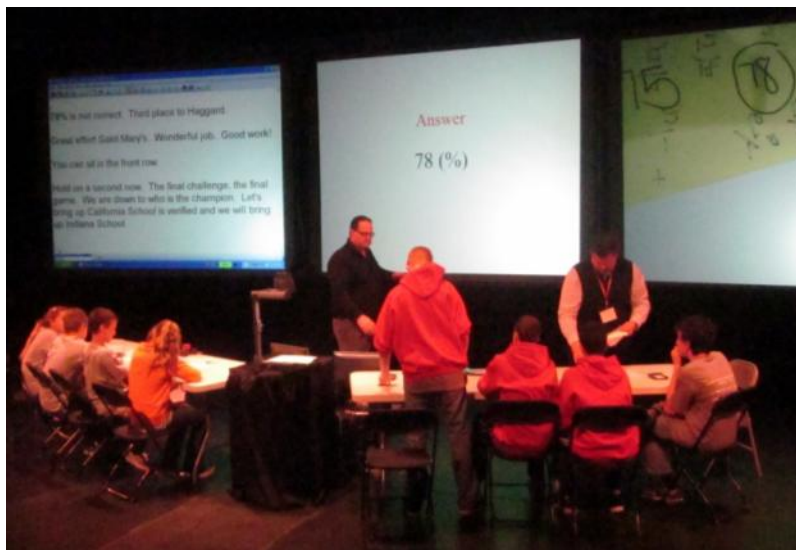
Mavrick Fisher,

Nathaniel Humpal,

Mark Sommer (RIT)



Noah, Nathaniel, CJ, and Mavrick in the Preliminaries



CSDR team in the finals against Indiana with result of 2nd place in the nation

CSDR's 3rd Annual Math Olympiad

Written by Lisa Kuntzsch-Beck, Curriculum Specialist and Math Olympiad 2012 Coordinator

Thank you to all who helped make CSDR's Third Annual Math Olympiad a smooth success! We appreciate everyone's efforts, whether it was behind the scenes helping to prepare and set-up prior to the event or working diligently the day of helping to score and run stations! A specially big kudos to our department coordinators for getting details and people organized on time, and to others who provided support in different areas. And a great big thank you to ALL of the students who spent several hours putting their math skills and brains through such a rigorous and challenging competition!

The results for the top 50 students were shared to students and staff. This is not the top in each area/grade ... but over-all top school-wide. Wow! Special recognition goes to freshman Karina Baker who received 1st Place overall, Sophia Rosales-Campos who as a Pre-K student took 11th place overall, and Daniel Kim who placed 44th overall and is the first Special Needs student to ever place in the top 50! Way to go students! Also, a big applause goes to the freshman students who received first place status with the highest winning point average. Great job everyone! 🐾



** Karina Baker '15 (right) won the top score school-wide as an individual, with the entire Freshman class in the 1st place rank*



*** 3rd grade team(above) ranked in 2nd place school-wide:
Azeb Visco (3rd),
Zarek Nathanson (1st),
Aspen Goldstein (2nd)*

Math Olympiad at the MAC:

High school students rotate among specialized math booths for the competition—Teacher Niel Thompson used ASL to present the math word problems and riddles for the students to solve



Winning Grade Levels with Overall Average Per Student:

Freshmen—1st*

Third Graders—2nd**

Sophomores —3rd

Seven Top Scoring Students:

Karina Baker, HS—1st*

Zarek Nathanson, ES—2nd**

Bridget Berrigan, HS—3rd

Jeremy Warshaw, HS—3rd

Humpal, Nathaniel, MS—5th

Alana Smith, HS—6th

Mavrick Fisher, MS—7th

Students compete on math concepts from grade-level curriculum

CSDR International Studies Students Tour Greece– Part 2

Written by HS students who describe their favorite memories in Greece



Santorini Island overlooking the sea



Delphi

“ Santorini Island has such a beautiful view. It has a black volcano in the middle of the ocean, when seen from the top of the mountain. The majority of the people live on top of the mountain. I loved the taste of

Greek coffee. It was so delicious! I had so much fun with my group in Greece!” - Julie Love

“ My best memory of Greece was walking around Acropolis and Delphi, seeing their ancient buildings and interesting history, myth, and stories. I liked the cruise because it served delicious breakfast, lunch, and dinner! ” - Angel Cloud

“ I loved the disco dance area aboard the Louis Cristal cruise ship because I ’ve loved to dance my whole life and cannot imagine life without dancing. The dance floor was where I met many new friends. Such best memories of 2012 for me - I am amazed to have had the opportunity to travel abroad and I am glad that CSDR established the International Studies because it offers students the opportunity to learn and experience new things. I love Greece.” - Marilyn Rivas

“ I enjoyed being out in Athens at nighttime with my friends Angel and Jeric, along with two friends from the Maryland School for the Deaf. We enjoyed walking around the city, browsing the stores, and hanging out at restaurants – enjoying good food. Athens was my favorite city to visit.” - Shaz Booth



Louis Cristal Cruise—good food and dancing



Athens—Olympic Stadium

More Stories from Students About Greece

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Rhodes Island- Marilyn with the colorful pebbles

“Rhodes Island was a beautiful city to visit. I enjoyed looking at the waterfalls, and being on the beach. My most favorite meal was breakfast that included chocolate cereal, lime bread, and hot chocolate!” - *Mary Evans*

“Rhodes Island is a great island. It is just like a wonderland because of the sea and the stones on the beaches. The stones had various colors: red, brown, tan, black, gray, blue, orange, and more. They were shiny, bright, and very beautiful. In the middle of the sea by the island was a diving board. People surfed, or rode on boats or catamarans. One architectural piece was the long-winding fort that has cannons and armors used in past wars. I was definitely interested in its great history. I would love to live in Rhodes and be near the beach because I love swimming. I cannot wait to see my dreams come true.” - *Jeric Liwag* 🐾



Rhodes Island- Diving board in the sea



Jeric at Mykonos



Crete



"I love Greece," a heart filled farewell

Elementary 4th/5th Grade Science Fair

Written by Susan Johnson, 5th Grade Teacher



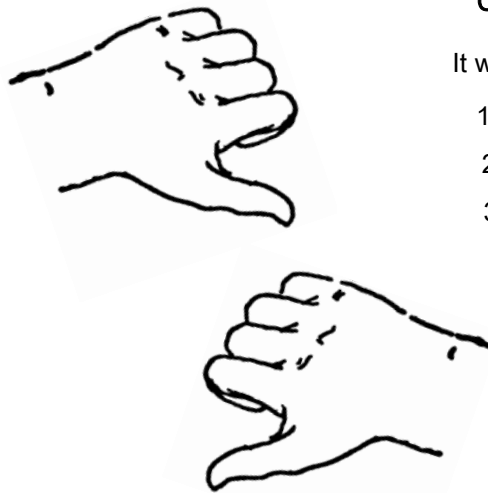
Rose Longbine gives a demonstration to pre-schoolers



Kellie Rae Cox explains her project to Superintendent Grossinger



Dylan Duarte experimented with lava lamps



"Science" in ASL, in rotating inner circular motions

Congrats to 2012 Science Fair winners!

It was another great year of exciting projects.

1st Place- Natalee Bucaria (4th Grade)

2nd Place- Elijah Andrade (5th Grade)

3rd Place- Mr. Keith Townsend 's Class
(SN 4th/5th Grade)

Student Favorite-

Dylan Duarte (5th Grade)

Principal 's Choice-

Janae Mixon (5th Grade)



Jaden Nicholas compared plant growth results in different circumstances

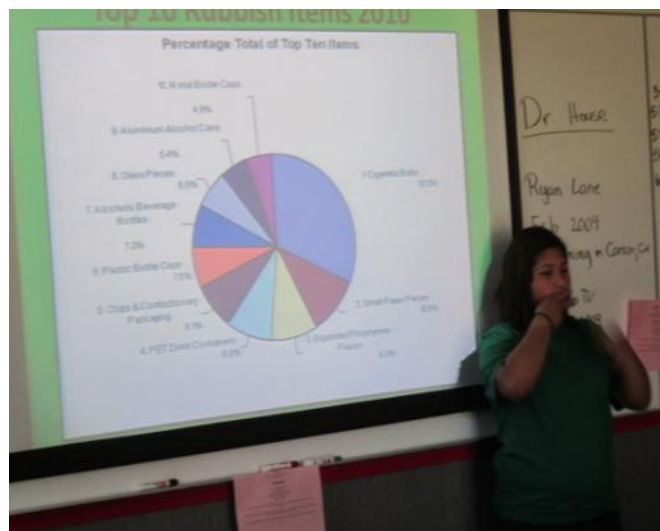


Elijah Andrade's parents work for rival companies, Pepsi and Coke

Earth Day Awareness

Written by Andrew Tarpey, High School Science Teacher

On April 20, students in two science classes with teachers, Andrew Tarpey and Ben McCrory '97, hosted Earth Day Awareness by giving their own presentation in the Bummy Student Center. The students took turns explaining why we have Earth Day, the types of pollution created by mankind, and how we can preserve the earth. Everyone was encouraged to make changes to their daily living: minimize water use, select natural and biodegradable products, carry re-useable bags and containers, use alternate means of travel, and compost fruit and vegetable waste. Students hope respect toward the earth continues to spread throughout the campus, the city, and eventually the world. 🐾



Minimize rubbish waste—reduce, reuse, recycle



Carry around re-useable containers to avoid disposable plastic waste



Use natural, biodegradable products—be conscious of the environment



ASL Showcase 2012 DVD for Sale!

Written by Joy Maisel, Elementary ASL Teacher

A quick thank you to the students, teachers, aides, and staff of our Early Childhood Education and Elementary departments for making our ASL Showcase 2012 a success! With the support from the teachers, our students practiced hard to demonstrate their beautiful ASL skills in front of a large audience! This showcase consists of 10 different skits with a variety of genres. For whoever missed this amazing show, ASL Showcase 2012 DVD 's are available for purchase! Also, the parents are encouraged to purchase one for their child to keep as a precious memory of this astonishing event.

If you are interested in a DVD, please see our Elementary secretary, Kat Grossman to make the purchase. The cost for each DVD is \$8. DVDs are limited, so hurry and buy one! 🐾



Elementary Annual Spelling Bee

Students studied challenging vocabulary from the school curriculum, and vied for the title of best speller out of the two or three classes at their grade level. First thru third graders' spelling challenge were held in their own classrooms. The six full classes of 4th and 5th graders competed together in three rounds for three days, with finals on Friday for the top five spellers. All elementary students, staff, and parents cheered for the finalists who sat in rows onstage. Words were portrayed for the audience one at a time through the projector onto the screen behind the risen speller, who had to fingerspell without looking behind. Congratulations to all for a job well done!



Jacob (2nd), Skylin (Winner), Elijah (3rd)

Bee winners at each grade level:

Grade 1- Catalene Manganelli

Grade 2- Danik Soudakoff

Grade 3- Jayda Norris

Special Needs- Jaden Nicholas

Grades 4/5- Skylin Macy, 1st place

- Jacob Herman, 2nd place
- Elijah Andrade, 3rd place



Middle School Geography Bee

Written by Amy Kimmerele, Middle School Teacher

This year the Middle School had its first annual geography bee! It was very exciting and fun for all involved. We started with 30 students in 15 teams. After three exciting rounds, we were down to four teams. With the fourth and final round, we finally got our winners: Noah Valencia and Karla Mendez! Congratulations to our winners and all of our participants. We look forward to continuing our new tradition next year and for many years to come! 🐾

What is the California state bird?

- A. Robin
- B. California Condor
- C. The California Valley quail
- D. Bald Eagle

Answer: C. The California Valley Quail

The Infirmary! A More Comfortable Place to Rest?!

Written by Youlandean Johnson, Supervisor



The hallway walls were bare and colorless. The rooms were white and gray. Our patients had no television to watch or interesting books to read. This was the norm until one person said "This could be a beautiful place."

Sharon Wilson, our ASL teacher and resident creative genius is changing the look and feel of the infirmary to a place that is warm and comfortable for our students who come to us for medical care. Our resting rooms now have bedcovers that are designed and sewn by Sharon herself. Each one has a unique look and feel. The quilts are beautiful and attract the notice of all students and staff who have seen them.



ASL Teacher for Staff/Families and Quilt Benefactor

Our bare book shelves now have three rows of books that are sorted by school age. Photos of the nursing staff are presented to help students identify the nurses

by name and not just a face. Our bare walls in the hallway now have an area where student and staff drawings can be viewed and enjoyed!

Every week there is something new to see and admire. Our sick students are actually falling asleep faster in our rooms instead of staring at the blank walls or complaining of boredom, and our lobby may

soon have a working TV!

If you see Sharon on campus, ask her about her infirmary project or better yet come and see for yourself! 🐾



CIF Playoffs!

CSDR MS Basketball in Playoffs!

Written by Nancy Moore, ECE/Elementary/MS Sports Coordinator

Student Athlete of the Month: Jeremy Warshaw



Jeremy is our student athlete of the month for March with a GPA of 3.71, pitching our Cubs to two victories while batting with an average of .526. That includes 9 runs, 10 hits in 19 at bats, and 5 RBIs along with a double, triple and a home run.

Please join me in congratulating Jeremy Warshaw for his well-deserving recognition.

~ David Hamilton,
Athletic Director

After five long months, the regular basketball season for both boys and girls teams is finally over! The coaches and I have seen how much our teams have improved since the season began. I want to thank the coaches for their commitment to the basketball teams.

Seven boys and three girls who are 8th graders are on the team. The high school sports program will be thrilled to have 10 excellent players coming in next year.

The CSDR Boys team won first place in the league with the record of 7-1. The CSDR Girls team ended in 2nd place with record of 6-2, with many rookie players and only three veteran players on the team.

For the first time, **both** boys and girls teams advanced to the playoff round during the same school year. We are very proud of our determined players and dedicated coaches! 🐾



L – R: Fadi Alberre (Coach), Jacob Weiss, Marquise Weathersby-Holly, Alan Alcocer, Christian Jacobs, Eduardo Bojorquez, Mavrick Fisher, Nathaniel Humpal, Noah Valencia, Ermias Thomas, Kendall Merrill, Jeremias Valencia (Coach) Bottom Row: Managers Edward Larizza and Jamze Dean. Camera Shy: Ben McCrocy (Coach)



L – R: Kyle Bayarsky (Coach), Sukie Miller, Jalena Cochran, Christina Vu, Genessis Estrella, Kathleen Lopez, Mireya Carranco, Sabrina Padilla, Jarita Bustamante, Priscilla Duarte (Coach) and Bottom Row: Emma Salarza (Manager)



Professional Speed Skater Who is Deaf Visits CSDR

Michael Hubbs, a deaf, professional speed skater will vie for Olympic Gold, and has trained with (and resembles) Gold medalist Apollo Anton-Ohno. CSDR students enjoyed his visit on campus during P.E. classes, lunch time presentations, and seeing him ride in the school parade. In addition, an event was held at Riverside Icetown for the CSDR community to skate with Michael. To send donations to Michael Hubbs for his training toward the Olympics, contact him at SkaterHubbs@gmail.com. 🐾



HS Girls Basketball

Written by Jason Coleman, HS Girls Basketball Coach



Photo: Steven Carranco '12



Photo: Steven Carranco '12

A very young and inexperienced team completed one of the best girls basketball seasons ever in the school history. We won the first round of CIF playoffs, two years in row, occurring twice in the school's history. I see a bright future in the girls basketball program and am looking forward to what the 2013 season will bring us. 🐾

HS Track

Written by David Hamilton, Athletic Director

Angel Cloud and Dennis Lopez were selected to compete in CIF-SS State Track Meet in Santa Barbara.

HS mathematics teacher Don Cochran, the coach of the Boys Track team, was honored as Arrowhead League Coach of the

Year. The league coaches saw huge improvements in our Boys/Girls performance in Track this season.

Congratulations, Coach Don! 🐾



Photo: Steven Gonzales '13



Photo: Steven Gonzales '13



CIF
Playoffs!

HS Softball

Written by David Hamilton, Athletic Director

CSDR Softball had a good season.

The CSDR team has been announced as the National Softball Prep Champions 2012, winning the recent Hoy national deaf baseball/softball tournament held at CSDR, after the other team got disqualified.

In the Arrowhead League, the softball team played well advancing into the next round of CIF-SS Playoff after beating Marywood-Palm Valley. The final score was 19-5. CSDR Girls faced Bellarmine-Jefferson in Burbank for the first round of CIF-SS Playoff.

Coach Mike Anderson is very proud of the team, and looks forward to next year.



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Angel Cloud, one of two in CIF

Don Cochran from CSDR honored as Arrowhead League Coach of the Year

Girls softball team with Cub spirit and pride

RIVERSIDE: Deaf teacher to play in World Cup

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California School for the Deaf physical education teacher (and former CSDR student) Reagan Anders is working on what she hopes will be her fourth gold medal, this time as captain of the USA Deaf Soccer's Women's World Cup team.

"I need two more golds, and then I can retire," Anders, 31, said through a sign language interpreter at the school.

She is among 18 athletes on the final roster and recently returned from a training camp in Columbus, Ohio. The world deaf soccer championships will be in July in Ankara, Turkey. Anders said she needs to raise \$5,000 for team and travel expenses.

She said that, in her Deaf Olympics sports career, she has gone from being the youngest player on her team to the oldest.

"It's not about age at all," Anders said. "It's about the attitude," and physical fitness.

At training camp, Anders said, she was the first one up and ready to go every morning before younger teammates hoping to rest sore muscles. "Reagan on the go, go, go, that's what they call me," she said.

Almost every weekend she competes in at least a 5K run, if not a 10K or half marathon or triathlon. Anders said she averages 30 such competitions a year. She said she swims every morning at Cal Baptist University's pool and bicycles, too.

Anders also surfs. She said she practices her sport and exercises an average of five hours a day.

A future goal is to swim the English Channel, she said.

For now, soccer defense is her passion.

"She calls herself a ball header," said Laurie Pietro Waggoner, public information coordinator at the school.

Two of Anders' gold medals are for soccer. Her first is for women's basketball, earned in 2001 in Rome at the age of 19 while she was a student at Gallaudet University. Only men had a soccer team in the Deaf Olympics then, she said.

After that season, Anders said she came home to Southern California and finished her education, including a master's degree, at Cal State Northridge. She learned the Deaf Olympics was forming a women's soccer team,

made that team and won her second gold medal at age 24 in 2005 in Melbourne, Australia.

Her third gold medal came in 2009 as a member of

the Deaf

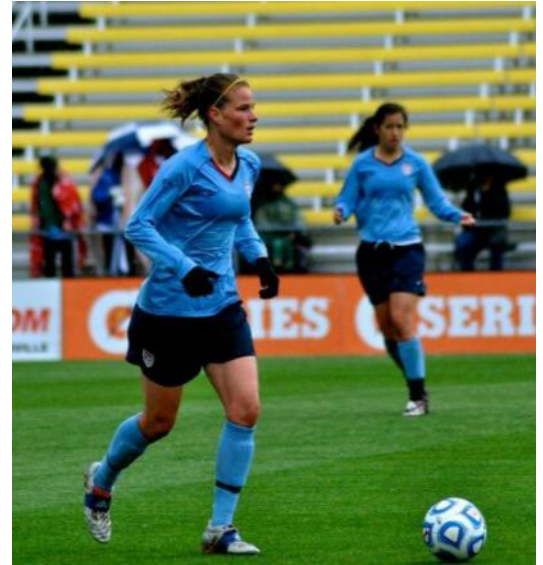
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women's soccer team in Taipei, Taiwan, Anders said.

She grew up in Orange County, lives in Tustin and works in Riverside, where she seeks to inspire her students by words and the example that anything is possible if they are determined.

Tax-deductible donations for the USA Deaf Soccer Women's World Cup team can be made online at www.usdeafsoccer.com with her name in the memo field or to California School for the Deaf Riverside, 3044 Horace St., Riverside, CA 92506.

Anders can be reached at bluewawa81@yahoo.com by email. 🐾



Reagan Anders, left, P.E. teacher at CSDR, plays defense on the USA Deaf Soccer Women's World Cup team.



Reagan Anders, in blue with her ponytail flying as she jumps, calls herself a ball header.

Alumni Profiles: Where They Went from Here

April Getten '02 was deafened from chicken pox at 11 months, so her grandmother, who was already an interpreter, taught her family sign language (ASL). April enrolled at CSDR in 1998 as an 8th grader, because she was lonely and sought friendship during her parents' divorce.

At CSDR, April was involved in many sports, was a student body government officer, and did well in her classes. During her senior year, Gallaudet University awarded her the President Fellowship award.

April played soccer at Gallaudet for one year, just before she survived a major car accident, from which she lost her ability to walk for a year, and had to move back home. During her years of physical therapy, April attended Riverside Community College. At RCC, she was voted as the first deaf Homecoming Queen in 2009, worked in the Disabled and Outreach departments, and completed two AA degrees in English and Physical Therapy. April also worked at CSDR as a student aide, while continuing her studies.

"I realized how important school was. No matter how hard it gets, what place you are in, you can always work hard and rise up," said April.

April transferred to the University of California, Riverside, graduating last December, with a B.A. degree in English. She was engrossed in her American and British literature courses at CSDR, thus decided to pursue literature as her major. Her goal is to become an English teacher for deaf students.

April is expecting a baby this September, and she looks forward to a new chapter in her life as a mother. 🐾



*April Getten and Tamijo Foronda
CSDR Graduation 2002*



*April Getten, UCR graduate and English teacher-bound
and Tamijo Coleman, CSDR Kindergarten teacher*

Tamijo Foronda '02

explains that both her father '74 and her mother '77 graduated from CSDR, as well as her uncle and cousin. Tamijo, who is hard-of-hearing, first enrolled in 1992 because she was not happy at the public school, and not fully able to understand her teachers. "Teachers, coaches, counselors and friends at CSDR have helped me blossom—I grew so much here!" said Tamijo, who endured a great loss after her father passed away in 1997 prior to 8th grade.

Tamijo's leadership and hard work as a CSDR student were extensive: scoring over 1,000 shots in her high school basketball career, breaking volleyball and softball records, being MVP in all sports as well as Arrowhead League Player of the

Year; all this while maintaining a 3.9 GPA, and earning the title of Valedictorian.

Success at CSDR carried over after high school to college and the community: two silver and one bronze medals in world Deaflympics, worldwide All-Sportsmanship award, Gallaudet University's League Player of the Year, USA Division Player of the Week, broke several Gallaudet sports records, and served as a leader in student organizations.

At Gallaudet, Tamijo met and married Jason Coleman, who now teaches physical education and coaches at CSDR. The Colemans have a hard-of-hearing two-year old daughter and a baby boy on the way.

As a Kindergarten teacher, Tamijo confirms the rich experience her students have by attending this school.

"Students get equal access to communication and opportunities. If it was not for CSDR, I would not have had many accomplishments throughout my high school and college years." 🐾



Tamijo Coleman '02, Kindergarten teacher



April Getten '02 graduates with an English degree from UCR

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Alumni as CSDR Graduation Speaker



*Raymond Merritt, PhD,
CSDR '91
Scientist and Professor at
Gallaudet University*

Dr. Raymond Merritt has been selected by the Class of 2012 as the graduation speaker. Merritt, a CSDR alumnus ('91), is now a faculty member at Gallaudet University. He performed research on the inner ear for causes of deafness, and for the Cancer Research Project. Dr. Merritt has taught Genetics, Introduction to Biology, and Principles of Biology for Science Majors. 🐾

http://www.gallaudet.edu/facultystaff/biology/merritt_raymond.html

Graduating from Gallaudet



CSDR alumni graduate from Gallaudet University: Brittany Castle '06, Cesar Ayala '05, Zane Fleming '06, with CSDR photography teacher Teri Sentelle (middle) 🐾

Mark Your Calendar!

For updates, sports, and other details, go to the website school calendar

June 2012: Got Deafhood? Pah! Month

6/4	5th Grade Middle School Orientation
6/4-5	HS Math Interim Assessment #4 Testing Dates
6/5	Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Board Meeting
6/7	Middle School Promotion Ceremony
6/7	High School Graduation Ceremony
6/8	Last Day of School—School Ends at Noon

July & August 2012:

7/22-27	STARS Basketball Camp on CSDR Campus
8/20	Registration Day
8/21	Classes Begin
8/25-26	New Family Orientation

September 2012:

9/3	School Closed-Labor Day
9/16-22	Kick Off CSDR Celebration—Deaf Awareness Week
9/22-23	ASL Films: Hardman at CSDR

Save the Dates: School Year 2012 - 2013

10/13	Homecoming Games: Fremont @ CSDR
11/12	Open House for the Public
12/6	Silent Sleigh Performances & Parade for Public Elementary
1/17-19	Clerc Classic Basketball Tournament @ CSDR
2/2	CSDR's 60th Anniversary Gala at Marriott
3/23	Alumni Car Show & Food Trucks Picnic with Staff & Families
3/TBA	Deaf Teen America Pageant @ CSDR
4/12	Monte Carlo Night with Bingo at Riverside Airport
4/22	Performing Arts
5/9	Staff Appreciation Week Awards
5/9	CSDR Movie Night
6/21-22	Alumni Reunion
6/24-28	Alumni Cruise to Mexico